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BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT

BARRAGA COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR BACKPACK PIRATES



Suffolk County Legislator To Barraga (R-West Islip) is partnering again this year with the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless (LICH) to collect NEW school supplies to fill back packs for children in need. LICH will distribute backpacks and school supplies for up to 5,000 children in need on Long Island. On August 23rd, they will begin giving out supplies at an annual event “Back Pack Pirates Summer Festival”, a one-day summer camp experience for up to 450 children from homeless shelters.

Every child deserves to start their school year with the tools they need to be successful. Individuals looking to help with this very worthy cause can bring their items to the West Islip Public Library located at 3 Higbie and place them in the collection box in the library’s lobby.

Suggested items to donate:

Three-ring binders (various sizes) and dividers
Folders with pockets
Loose-leaf paper
Spiral Notebooks (1,2,3,5 subjects)
Book Covers
#2 Pencils with Erasers

Hi-liters
Colored Pencils
Fine line markers
Marble composition books
3 x 5 index cards
Pens
Glue Sticks
Elmer's Glue
Scissors and safety scissors
Crayons
Protractors
Rulers (12 in with cm and inches)
Pencil sharpeners
Back packs and lunch boxes

We will be collecting items now until August 1st. Please contact Legislator Barraga's office at (631) 854-4100 for further information or questions about the program.